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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 154
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A RESOLUTION to create a special joint committee to study the use of certain textbooks in Tennessee public schools.

WHEREAS, throughout the history of this great nation, America and its culture have evolved and benefited from the numerous contributions of a multiplicity of people who have hailed from a wide diversity of cultural backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, it is important to the education and personal development of all Tennessee youth, that focus and awareness be given to the contributions of African Americans and other racial minorities in the development of this country; and

WHEREAS, major contributions have been and continue to be made to the nation and its culture by its minority population; and

WHEREAS, in recommending textbooks for use in social studies, Tennessee history, American history, or any related subject, the state textbook commission should strive to recommend textbooks which accurately and comprehensively portray the full range of diversity and achievement of racial and ethnic minorities; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That there is hereby created a special joint committee to study the use of certain textbooks in Tennessee public schools. The committee shall comprehensively examine

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the process by which the state textbook commission recommends certain textbooks for use in public schools to ensure that such selection process identifies textbooks which accurately portray the contributions of racial and ethnic minorities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee shall consist of three (3) members of the House of Representatives and three (3) members of the Senate, to be appointed by the respective speakers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all appropriate state agencies shall provide assistance to the special joint committee upon request of the chair.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all legislative members of the special joint committee who are duly elected members of the General Assembly shall remain members of such committee until the committee reports its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the special joint committee shall be convened by the member with the most years of continuous service in the General Assembly, and at its first meeting shall elect a chair, vice-chair, and such other officers the committee deems necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee shall timely report its findings and recommendations to the One-Hundredth General Assembly no later than January 31, 1998, at which time the committee shall cease to exist.